

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled the composition of matter claims and only wish to pursue claims directed to novel use of the lactone compositions claimed herein as cross-linking agents in coatings.

Allowance of this application less the composition of matter claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'St. C. Benjamin', written over the printed name.

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